

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp (1) with a stamp plate carrier (2) and a stamp plate (3) as well as with engaging parts on the stamp plate carrier (2) and on the stamp plate (3) for a releasable interconnection thereof, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the engaging parts are formed by multiple groove/web structures (4, 5).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the groove/web structures (4, 5) have rectangular cross-sections.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the groove/web structures (4, 5) have square cross-sections.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and the webs (5) have cross-sections engaging one behind the other.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and the webs (5) have trapezoidal cross-sections.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that~~ wherein the groove/web structures (4, 5) are arranged on the entire surface of the carrier (2) or of the stamp plate (3), respectively.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the groove/web structures (4, 5) have grooves (4) parallel to each other and webs (5) correspondingly parallel to each other.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and webs (5) are equally wide.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 7 ~~or 8, characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and webs (5) are equally high.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9, characterized in that~~ wherein transverse

grooves traversing the grooves (4) and corresponding transverse webs (7) are provided.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier (2) is made of a dimensionally stable material.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier (2) is made of plastics.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12, characterized in that~~ wherein the stamp plate (3) is made of an elastic material.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the stamp plate (3) is made of caoutchouc.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 14, characterized in that~~ wherein receiving means (8) for letters, or stamp characters (9), respectively, are formed on the side of the stamp plate (3) that faces away from the groove/web structures (4, 5).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the letters/stamp characters (9) are made of an elastic material.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the letters/stamp characters (9) consist of a material selected from the group consisting of plastics or caoutchouc.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 15 ~~or 16, characterized in that~~ wherein several letters/stamp characters (9) are interconnected.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the receiving means (8) have rounded undercuts (12).

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A hand stamp according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 19,~~ characterized by a design as a self-inking stamp with a turning mechanism.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate for a hand stamp with engaging parts for a releasable interconnection with a stamp plate carrier of the hand stamp, ~~characterized in that~~

wherein the engaging parts are formed by a multiple groove/web structure (4, 5).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4)/webs (5) have rectangular cross-sections.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4)/webs (5) have square cross-sections.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and the webs (5) have cross-sections engaging one behind the other.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and the webs (5) have trapezoidal cross-sections.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 25, characterized in that~~ wherein the groove/web structures (4, 5) are arranged on the entire surface of the stamp plate (3).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 26, characterized in that~~ wherein parallel grooves (4) and webs (5) are provided.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 27, characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and webs (5) are equally wide.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 28, characterized in that~~ wherein the grooves (4) and webs (5) are equally high.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 29, characterized in that~~ wherein transverse grooves (7) traversing the grooves (4) and corresponding transverse webs are provided.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 30, characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a plate body of elastic material.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plate body consists of caoutchouc.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to ~~any one of claims 21 to 32, characterized in that~~ wherein receiving means (8) for letters/stamp characters (9) are formed on the side which faces away from the groove/web structure (4, 5).

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): A stamp plate according to claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the receiving means (8) have rounded undercuts (12).